

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Ferree

Serial No.: 10/679,833

Group No.: 3732

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Examiner: David Comstock

For: REDUCED-FRICTION ARTIFICIAL JOINTS AND COMPONENTS THEREFOR

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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